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SUBJECT: DATES FOR OECD MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

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1. DUE UK, AUSTRALIAN AND SWEDISH OPPOSITION, HEADS OF DELS AGREED CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON DATES NEXT MINISTERIAL ON APRIL 18. SEC GEN PROPOSED SELECTION OF MAY 29-30 DATES AND MOST DELEGATIONS ABLE ACCEPT MAY 29-30 DATES AT ONCE OR APPROVE AD REFERENDUM.

2. SWEDISH AND AUSTRALIAN REPS CONCERNED THAT THEIR MINISTERS BE UNABLE ATTEND SESSION ON THESE DATES. ONLY AUSTRALIANS PROPOSED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION ALTERNATIVE DATE DURING FIRST WEEK OF JUNE.

3. UK REP (GALLAGHER) OBJECTED TO SEC GEN PROPOSAL ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS ONLY MOST VOICED DISPLEASURE WITH SECRETARIAT OVER INADEQUATE CONSULTATION AS SEC GEN WAS

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URGING CHOICE OF SPECIFIC DATES WHILE HIS DELEGATION

HAD BEEN ASKED ONLY TO CONSIDER HAVING MEETING SOMETIME
DURING WEEK MAY 27. HE BELIEVED THAT ANOTHER WEEK WAS
NEEDED TO PERMIT DELEGATIONS OBTAIN FIRM INSTRUCTIONS
AND TO GIVE SEC GEN TIME CARRY OUT ADEQUATE
CONSULTATIONS WITH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS.

4. MISSION HAS NO INDICATION THAT UK OPPOSES MEETING
DURING WEEK 27TH MAY BUT EVIDENT THAT SEC GEN
CONSULTATIONS WITH UK DEL WERE SOMEHOW BRIEFER OR LESS
PRECISE THAN OTHERS. NEWNESS OF WILSON GOVERNMENT
PROBABLY PLAYS ROLE ALSO.
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